

Reply of Government.—Will be considered. May be tried in some places. An enquiry will be made on the allegations made by the members.

AGRICULTURE.

(Nos. 104—107.)

SUBJECT No. 104.

Takavi loans for growing cocoanut trees.

Mr. B. V. Narayan Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Expansion of cocoanut plantation is necessary to enrich the country. To provide greater facilities to raiyats in this direction Takavi loans may be granted to persons who intend growing cocoanut trees and all the concessions allowed to mén who raise fuel plantations may be extended to persons who take up cocoanut planting in waste lands.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Experimental Farms in district headquarters.

Mr. Ramaiya, Malur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present, there is only one experimental farm at Hebbal. Most of the raiyats find it impracticable to go there and learn improved methods of agriculture. An experimental farm may therefore be opened at each district headquarter.

Reply of Government.—Two more farms have been sanctioned by Government, one at Marthur and the other at Babbur in the Hiriyur taluk. The opening of more farms is a question of funds.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Appointment of an agricultural expert.

Mr. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—An expert may be appointed to investigate and also to experiment upon as to what crops other than coffee and tea can be profitably grown in the higher altitudes of the malnad and also in the vicinity of coffee estates.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 107.

Agricultural Inspectors.

Messrs. Sanjivappa, Koratagere sub-taluk, and Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Each district is provided with one Agricultural Inspector. In order to diffuse agricultural knowledge among the raiyats of all the parts of the State without much delay, each taluk may be provided with one Agricultural Inspector.

Reply of Government.—It is a question of funds, and there is difficulty in finding men. However the staff has been strengthened and all the possible facilities are provided.

The people should form District Agricultural Associations and employ Inspectors in addition to those appointed by Government.